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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED January 16, 2003

This paper is filed as a supplemental response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003. A request for a two-month extension in which to respond to this action and authorization for payment is included herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-1720 maintained by Western Geco.

Remarks

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidh et al (Pat. 5,894,450) in view of Ambs (Pat. 6,002,648). The applicant respectfully traverses the 103 rejection as follows: The Ambs reference is not a valid